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DEM TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETING MAY 20 TO PRESENT LANDFILL CAP DESIGN FOR FORMER ROSE HILL REGIONAL LANDFILL IN SOUTH KINGSTOWN

PROVIDENCE - The Department of Environmental Management, in cooperation with the United States Environmental Protection Agency, will hold a public meeting on Thursday, May 20 to present the remedial design for the Rose Hill Regional Landfill Superfund Site in South Kingstown. Information on results of field activities conducted last year at the site will also be presented.

Those field activities, conducted by an environmental consultant hired by and under the supervision of DEM, were required to complete the engineering design plans, and will also aid in identifying any potential future re-use of the site. The activities included test pits, monitoring, leachate sampling, residential well sampling, survey work, surface water and sediment sampling. Information from the work has been used to engineer the final design, now 90 percent complete, of the multi-layer hazardous waste cap.

The public meeting on May 20 will be held at 7 p.m. in the South Kingstown Town Council Chambers at 180 High Street in Wakefield. Additional public meetings will be held periodically during the remedial action to provide the community with updates on progress being made at the site, and to solicit public input on potential future uses of the site.

The 70-acre Rose Hill Regional Landfill Superfund Site is located in an abandoned sand and gravel quarry, which was used as a municipal landfill from 1967 to 1983. In addition to receiving municipal solid waste, industrial wastes from local industries were also disposed of at the site. Disposal of these wastes led to contamination of groundwater, surface water, and air in and around the site. The site was placed on EPA's Superfund National Priority List in 1989, and a Record of Decision outlining the proposed Remedial Action was signed in 1999.

Individuals with questions about the Rose Hill Regional Landfill Superfund Site may call or email Gary J. Jablonski in DEM's Office of Waste Management, at 222-2797 ext. 7148, or gjablons@dem.state.ri.us; or David Newton in EPA's Office of Site Remediation & Restoration, at (617) 918-1243, Toll Free at (888) 372-7341, or newton.dave@epa.gov; or Sarah White in EPA's Region 1 Office, at 617 918-1026, or white.sarah@epa.gov.